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Subject: Abandoned Drums

Dear Ross:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of August 9, 1989 regarding some abandoned drums.

8740 Mack Avenue, Detroit

About nineteen (19) 55-gallon full drums, unknown liquid material, are located at the rear of this address. They were supposedly disposed there by one Rev. Alan B. Harms of 19021 Sunnybrooke, Lathrop Village, MI 48076 from inside of the property at 8740 Mack Avenue which he used to own and which he reclaimed from the City for back taxes. These drums are located in the alley of this densely populated residential area where citizens, especially little children, trespass on a regular basis. Some of the drums are leaking and all of the drums are badly rusted. I think this is a potential time bomb. I am enclosing a copy of the letter to the potential responsible party regarding his obligation for proper testing and disposal.

2640 Barth Road, Goodells, MI (Kimball Twp.) St. Clair Co.

About 25-40 drums are located at this address. This I understand is also called Whitcomb Dump. The property owner, Mr. Edward Politowicz, claims to have a FIT investigative report. He is concerned that nothing is being done and has sent a letter to Congressman David Bonior for assistance. I am enclosing Con. Bonior's letter for your information. Please let me know the status of this site and if surface removal is in the works.



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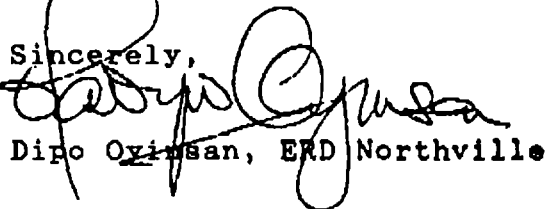
Satterlie-Sumpter Twp. Landfill/Lyle's Trucking. 40195 Judd Road, Belleville

EPA performed a preliminary assessment at this site in 1986. In 1979/1980, Mr. Lyle Zilka, who operated liquid industrial waste hauling and barrel reclaiming operation at this site, entered a Consent Agreement with this department and removed approx. 8000 drums and contaminated surface soil from this site. Further investigation in 1988 revealed more drums are now being dumped at this site with material looking and smelling like paint sludge. Several attempts by this department to get the PRP to do an immediate surface removal have been futile. We are still working with our enforcement division for compliance. However, recent reports indicate that kids have been playing with and in this waste material and it is causing a lot of concern within the community. I am enclosing some pictures taken in September of 1988.

Ross, I am requesting your assistance in addressing these immediate problems. Our enforcement process is so slow and as you can understand, citizens, complainant or congressman, do not like to wait.

Call me at (313) 344-9440 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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